Argocoffeopsis lemblinii

Argocoffeopsis lemblinii is an extinct relative of the coffee plant, within the family Rubiaceae. It is only known from the holotype collected by French botanist Auguste Jean Baptiste Chevalier in January 1907 in the valley of the Agnéby river in Côte d'Ivoire, and was not found during subsequent surveys. *Argocoffeopsis lemblinii* was a much branched shrub which could reach a height of about 50 centimetres. The flowers were white, the small fruits spheroid. It grew in a forest habitat.

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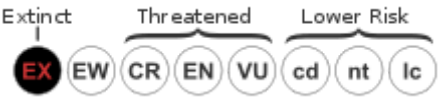
Conservation status	
 Extinct (IUCN 2.3)	
Scientific classification	
Kingdom:	Plantae
Clade:	Tracheophytes
Clade:	Angiosperms
Clade:	Eudicots
Clade:	Asterids
Order:	Gentianales
Family:	Rubiaceae
Genus:	*Argocoffeopsis*
Species:	***A. lemblinii***
Binomial name	
Argocoffeopsis lemblinii (A.Chev.) Robbr.	
Synonyms	
Argocoffea lemblinii (A.Chev.) J.-F.Leroy *Coffea lemblinii* (A.Chev.) Keay *Randia lemblinii* A.Chev.	

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External links

- World Checklist of Rubiaceae (http://apps.kew.org/wcsp/rubiaceae/)
- Image of the holotype at Aluka (http://plants.jstor.org/specimen/p00136957)
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